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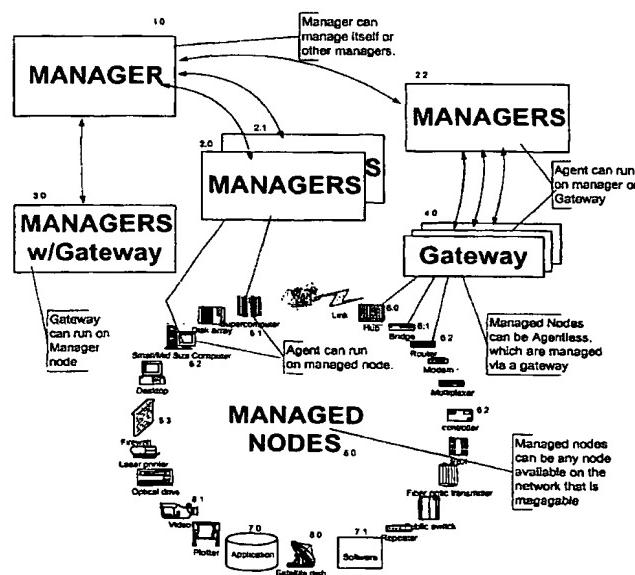
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(54) Title: VISUALIZING PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR OF ABSTRACTED NETWORK ELEMENTS



(57) Abstract: Provided herein are exemplary techniques for visualizing patterns of changes and behavior on a compute infrastructure composed of abstracted network elements and entities (Figure 10). A Differential View interface provides for complete visualization of infrastructure change and behavior for specific network elements/entities, groups of said elements/entities, or the system as a whole. That is, this interface further provides interactive filters and display patterns of change and behavior of said elements and entities, on a graduated scale, for the compute infrastructure, as a whole, for specific groups, and individual entities within the infrastructure.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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 US CL : 709/224; 345/736

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 U.S. : 709/202, 223, 224; 345/581, 733, 734, 736

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 5,751,965 A (MAYO et al.) 12 MAY 1998 Abstract, inter alia, Column 2, Line 57 through Column 3, Line 64	1-6, 10-12
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

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1. Claim Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.: 7 because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
Claim 7 recites a "...trade secret algorithm, not fully disclosed..." in Line 11 of the claim. An unknown/undisclosed functional element cannot be searched.

3. Claim Nos.: 7-9 because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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The title fails to conform to PCT Rule 4.3 due to length and lack of precision.

The Title is changed to the following: VISUALIZING PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR OF ABSTRACTED NETWORK ELEMENTS

Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

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Terms: network monitoring/management GUI, topology/usage/statistic changes/patterns, color gradient, timer